

HEIR TO MILLIONS, INVADED BY PRETTY GIRLS. BILLBOARDS IN BOSTON. GOSSIP OF RING AND FIELD.

Engineer Chenoweth Claims a Large Portion of Baltimore.

Says It Belonged to His Ancestors, and Was Leased for 99 Years.

The Lease Was Expired and He Hopes to Recover the Property.

Alexander Crawford Chenoweth, engineer in charge of the Croton Aqueduct and a son-in-law of the late ex-Mayor Fernando Wood, believes he can show that he is heir to a large part of the city of Baltimore. He is a direct descendant of William Cromwell, to whom was deeded in 1634 in the seventeenth century several hundred acres of land in and about the city of Baltimore by Charles Calvert, the third Lord Baltimore, after whom the city was named.

This property was willed by Cromwell to his grandson, Ferdinand Cromwell, who afterwards became Mrs. John Howard. After her death the property was held for nine years, and this lease expired three years ago. Mr. Chenoweth has spent much time and trouble in looking up the records relating to this property, and believes he has sufficient evidence to establish his claim to part of it at least. He got on the track of this inheritance while looking up the history of the Cromwell and Chenoweth families.

He has placed the matter in the hands of a firm of New York lawyers, and a legal inquiry is now going on preparatory to the beginning of proceedings to recover the property from the present holders under the old laws.

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In his investigations Mr. Chenoweth discovered that his ancestor, William Cromwell, received the grants of land—disgraced and all his rights in the American settlement, abrogated him, and sent him back to England. His son, also, had no right to the land, and he was left nothing but the name of his father, and he died in poverty.

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When he began his investigations, Mr. Chenoweth thought he had no near relatives, but he has been surprised to find that the legend of records of his family has covered an army of relatives, both near and distant. If the validity of his claim is established, he will be the owner in full of the property, but there is enough to guarantee him and make every one of them a millionaire, at least so Mr. Chenoweth says.

FIRST CATCH OF BURGLARS.

Several Arrests for Recent Crimes in Brooklyn.

High Rate Creates a Desire for Annexation to New York.

In spite of Supt. Campbell's order to the captains of the various Brooklyn precincts to look out for burglars and sneak thieves, a large number of robberies were reported at Police Headquarters this morning.

Mrs. James C. Day's boarding-house, 157 Fulton street, was entered, and a cold search and chain worth \$35 and \$11 in money taken.

During the night burglars forced an entrance into "Behrens' Bros." grocery, 418 Franklin avenue, and obtained about \$10 worth of goods.

A plate-glass window in Daniel J. Stack's clothing store, Franklin avenue, was broken and the burglar got \$11.

Richard Davis, of 217 New street, was arrested in New York last night, charged with having committed a series of holdups in the hall of gold watch in the hall of 277 Myrtle avenue. The other man, named Douglas, was arrested at the time.

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Taxes for 1906 were due to-day, and when most of the property owners received their bills they expressed their feelings in strong language, and said they were anxious to have Brooklyn annexed to New York, where the taxes are now about one-half the rate in Brooklyn.

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